

**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
September 24, 2011 MINUTES**

The Human Relations Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in a regular Human Relations Advisory Board Meeting September 24, 2011, 8:30 a.m. at the Downtown Mesa Association, 55 N. Center Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

James May, Chair
Rory Gilbert, Vice Chair
Hong Chartrand
Denise Heap
Frank Johnson
Wayne Manske
Lela Hinds-Peterson
Orchidia Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Terry Benelli
Ana Cadillo

STAFF PRESENT

Ruth Giese

GUESTS

Doug Griffin
Jack Griffin

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Mr. May welcomed the board and Mr. Griffin, the facilitator.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to the board.

3. Approval of minutes from the August 24, 2011 board meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Heap to approve the August 24, 2011 Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) minutes, with a correction made to item number five. Mr. Manske seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and vote on the selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2011/2012.

Mr. May announced that Stacy Dillon had resigned from the board, and that because of the vacancy, encourage residents to apply for the vacancy. Mr. May opened the floor for nomination of Chair. Ms. Heap nominated Rory Gilbert for the position Chair. Mr. Manske seconded. There were no other nominations and the motion passed unanimously as follows:

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
James May	Yes
Rory Gilbert	Yes
Hong Chartrand	Yes
Denise Heap	Yes
Frank Johnson	Yes
Wayne Manske	Yes
Lela Hinds-Peterson	Yes
Orchidia Peterson	Yes

Mr. May opened the floor for nomination of Vice Chair. Ms. Orchidia Petersen moved to nominate Denise Heap. Ms. Chartrand seconded. There were no other nominations and the motion passed unanimously as follows:

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James May	Yes
Rory Gilbert	Yes
Hong Chartrand	Yes
Denise Heap	Yes

Frank Johnson	Yes
Wayne Manske	Yes
Lela Hinds-Peterson	Yes
Orchidia Peterson	Yes

Mr. May congratulated both Ms. Gilbert and Ms. Heap. Ms. Giese suggested that she would schedule a meeting with the new officers in the next 2 weeks. It was agreed that Mr. May would finish chairing this meeting and Ms. Gilbert would begin her Chair position in October.

5. Discuss and provide direction on updating strategic plan.

Mr. Griffin began facilitation of the strategic planning portion of the meeting. The Board discussed its goals and accomplishments.

6. Discuss and provide direction on "Operation Welcome Home".

The Board discussed how the City of Mesa could honor members of the military who have recently returned home to Mesa from war. It was suggested that Ms. Giese follow up with the Mayor's office on a recommendation that the City Council welcome home and honor military personnel at a council meeting in early November around the Veteran's Day holiday.

7. Adjourn

Mr. May thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m.

***The next regular meeting is on October 26, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.
20 E. Main Street, Room 170***

Submitted By:

Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator